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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr
United States District Court
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844 North King Street,
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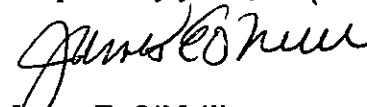
**Re: Fansteel, Inc. v. Jose Aguilar individually, et al.
Civil Action No. 04-505 (JJF)**

Dear Judge Farnan:

Plaintiff, Fansteel, Inc. and Defendant, Jose Aguilar agreed upon a settlement of the above referenced matter. The settlement check provided was returned for insufficient funds and no replacement check has been supplied.

Fansteel is currently deciding on a course of action with respect to this matter. If the Court requires additional information, please have a member of your Honor's staff contact the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,


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cc: Jose Aguilar

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